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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT : PROJECTED SR/7 - AECASSOWARY 1 SPOTTING AND REDSOX PROGRAM  
FROM : SR/7/UKRAINIAN SECTION

1. As a result of two sessions, the first with AECASSOWARIES 2 on 14 October 1955 and the other with AECASSOWARY 4 on 19 October 1955. Both the Agency representatives and the AECASSOWARY 1 organization representatives are in accord and are contemplating to implement the program as soon as possible. The following program was advanced and discussed.

2. Generally, AECASSOWARY 4 feels extremely pessimistic about the recruiting potential in the United States and Canada. He however feels that reservoirs of action-agent candidates are definitely available in South America, England, Germany, Belgium and Australia. He cautioned about being too hopeful on the results of his trips and any lack of success should not be construed as a lack of effort on his part.

AECASSOWARY 2 expressed extreme optimism at the prospect of recruiting among the Ukrainian youth. He further noted that it was no longer a matter of whether or not we should continue to work together but that it was a necessity. On the strength of his convictions, he has ordered his operations chief, AECASSOWARY 4 to prepare for an extensive recruiting mission both in the United States and abroad. Once action-agent candidates have been found, then AECASSOWARY 4 will be signed by SR/7 to a contract as the covert associate for training and planning purposes.

3. The immediate course of action agreed to by the AECASSOWARY organization and the Agency will include:

a. An immediate joint AECASSOWARY 2, 4 and SR/7 Senior Case Officer meeting to outline a systematic plan for the spotting and recruiting of action agents, plan of operations, training, and areas of responsibility.

b. Following the joint agreement on the operation relationship, AECASSOWARY 4 will prepare a trip outline proposing those elements which he intends to contact and those areas he intends to visit.

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The persons to be contacted by AECASSOWARY h will be used as "spotters" in their respective areas. All of these individuals are known to AECASSOWARY h personally, and according to him, will be reliable sources of information on potential action agent types, if available.

c. Once AECASSOWARY h has activated the contacts, these sources will be queried about the general recruiting potential. He will make arrangements to receive biographic data on potential candidates and transmit this information to the case officer for evaluation. If acceptable, then the appropriate agency action will be initiated for contact with the person. This plan will eliminate the need for time-consuming travel and costly wholesale assessments. It should be noted that once the recruitment has been effected the agent candidate will be under the supervision of the Agency representative and any instructions to him from the organization must be done through the case officer, thus precluding any "private deals", though none are anticipated. According to an early agreement, the spotting-to-dispatch cycle will be supervised and controlled by the Agency representative.

h. Regarding the status of AECASSOWARY h vis-a-vis the AERODYNAMIC complex, it is intended to carry him on the AERODYNAMIC/FI project for pay purposes until such time when he can be placed under the exclusive contract authorized by the AEACRE program, with an appropriate change in crypto. He will become a Covert Associate under the AEACRE concept.

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